

## **Abstract**

A system and method for retrieving performance data from different devices in a storage area network (SAN) use a performance interface to communicate with different types of SAN devices in a heterogeneous SAN environment. The performance interface instructs a device plug-in (DPI) associated with each SAN device to retrieve performance metrics data from the corresponding SAN device. The performance interface determines a minimum polling interval and a maximum polling interval for polling each SAN device for the performance metrics data. The performance interface further provides each DPI with an address of the corresponding SAN device.